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# News Release

## **SAN ANGELO MAN SENTENCED TO MORE THAN 15 YEARS IN PRISON IN FEDERAL CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CASE**

LUBBOCK, Texas — A San Angelo resident was sentenced here today to more than 15 years in prison for transporting child pornography, announced U.S. Attorney Richard B. Roper, Northern District of Texas, and following an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Wade Hampton Yearwood, 25, of San Angelo, Texas, was sentenced in federal court in Lubbock, Texas, before U.S. District Judge Sam R. Cummings to 188 months in prison. Yearwood pleaded to one count of interstate transportation of child pornography. Judge Cummings ordered that Yearwood surrender to the Bureau of Prisons on Jan. 20.

According to documents filed in court, Yearwood admitted that on Jan. 24, 2005, he was using a peer-to-peer "P2P" software program named Kazaa to trade images of pornography and child pornography on the Internet. On that date, an ICE special agent conducted an Internet search for child pornography, also using the Kazaa software program. That agent downloaded approximately 45 images of child pornography from Yearwood, including an image of a female child engaged in oral-genital sexual intercourse with an adult male.

This image, along with others downloaded by ICE, was made available by Yearwood for distribution on the Internet. Yearwood had himself downloaded the image from the Internet, and placed the file, through the Kazaa program, in a shared files folder. This process made the file available for download from him by any person connected to his computer through a Kazaa search. Kazaa searches are conducted by matching some part of the title of a file located on another online Kazaa user's computer.

U.S. Attorney Roper commended the investigative efforts of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven M. Sucsy, of the Lubbock, Texas, U.S. Attorney's Office.

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